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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR ENERGY RANKING OF MOLECULAR CRYSTALS USING DFT CALCULATIONS AND EMPIRICAL VAN DER WAALS POTENTIALS**, described and claimed in international application number PCT/EP2005/050778, filed 24 February 2005, which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(a)-(d) or Sec. 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or Sec. 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority  
Claimed

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(Number)

Europe (EP)  
(Country)

15 March 2004  
(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Yes  No

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Sec. 119(e) of any United States provisional application listed below: **NONE**.

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material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Sec. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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(Appl. Serial No.) (Filing Date) (Status) (patented, pending, abandoned)

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